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New Westbound Lane now Open on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard

Larkspur, CA – The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) announced today the opening of a new westbound lane on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard approaching the Highway 101 Greenbrae Interchange.

The additional lane will allow drivers traveling westbound on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, from the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and Larkspur Landing Circle, to access Highway 101 southbound from two on-ramp lanes, instead of one. The second on-ramp lane will also serve as an optional lane for westbound Sir Francis Drake Boulevard through traffic.

"This expansion will allow for more efficient vehicle movement and additional storage for traffic going west on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard," said Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director of TAM.

The improvements to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard are part of a larger Highway 101 Greenbrae corridor improvement effort currently underway that will address congestion and improve safety for Marin County drivers, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

"This project has been a cooperative effort between the City of Larkspur, Caltrans, the MTC and TAM," noted Steinhauser. Funding has been provided by the City of Larkspur and the voter approved Regional Measure 2, a \$1.00 toll increase on Bay Area toll bridges, intended to fund congestion relief projects such as this.

Caltrans included this additional work as part of the Highway 101 "Gap Closure" project also nearing completion which included improvements to portions of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

For more information on this and other TAM sponsored projects, visit the TAM website at www.tam.ca.gov.